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Dear Mr Barber

I am pleased to submit my comments on the Local Plan which are based on the representations that I have received from my constituents over recent weeks.


Constituents have, on the whole, communicated their support for the Plan, in the absence of development on the North Leamington Green Belt around Milverton and Blackdown.

I am pleased that the Council has recognised that Exceptional Circumstances to develop the Green Belt to the North of Leamington do not exist. The exclusion of development in this area enables the plan to comply with the NPPF. Any attempt to re-introduce development in the North Leamington Green Belt would be unacceptable and would be bitterly opposed. It is vital that we preserve the limited green space between Leamington and Kenilworth, otherwise there is a real risk that Leamington and Warwick will merge with the West Midlands conurbation.

The revised plan seems to me to reflect a much more balanced and logical approach to addressing the development needs of the area whilst recognising and protecting the unique character and setting of Warwick District. The planned distribution of new housing in the revised plan seems to be a fair distribution across the District. It reflects a better use of brown field sites and limits development in villages.

The Revised Development Strategy proposes that most of the new development is located close to where employment opportunities already exist (e.g. industrial parks to the South of Leamington & Warwick). This provides an opportunity for people to live close to their place of work, reducing or eliminating commuting for many people, reducing pollution and improving quality of life.

Yours sincerely


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